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To: Crawford, Jeff S
Subject: Ozone Transport Region

Mr. Crawford,

I just wanted to add my voice to the many voices of Mainers that I hope you're hearing from as this decision is made. We need to ensure that the best interests of our people and our environment come before the interests of those who would stand to make money off of this decision.

I oppose the Department of Environmental Protection's petition to take most of Maine out of the Ozone Transport Region. Weakening Maine's participation in this agreement is the wrong direction for Maine, including the fact that it creates an opening for other states to leave as well, resulting in more ozone pollution for Maine. Given our geographic position, we need strong clean air protections in those upwind states, and in order to achieve that, we need to stay fully committed to this agreement. Maine has some of the highest rates of asthma in the entire country, and we sit at the tailpipe of the nation. We need to continue to move forward on clean air protections instead of backward.

Thank you
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